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1. Germaine Krull tried to persuade Tao Oon, Free Lao leader now in Bangkok, that it would be wise to make one last attempt to send an appeal to the French government regarding Lao independence by an official letter through official channels.
2. Tao Oon spoke of this suggestion to Prince Petsarath, who simply made a note of the matter and told Oon to go ahead and see what he could do, but it really wasn't a matter of true importance. This remark was occasioned probably because the proposition came from Tao Oon.
3. Prince Souvana Phomma, who is a charming, cultured and well-informed man, suggested that the French Charge d'Affaire in Bangkok, M. Daridan, might be willing to transmit a letter to the French government through official channels. M. Daridan was approached on this matter and agreed to send the letter. Prince Souvana Phomma and Tao Oon are now preparing the letter.
4. Germaine Krull agrees with Tao Oon in his estimate of the three brothers. Prince Souphanavong is sympathetic to the Vietnamese to the detriment of his own people; Prince Petsarath is motivated solely by his desire for the throne; Prince Souvana Phomma has a charming French wife, Aline, who thinks and feels French. She distrusts Tao Oon because she believes he is too pro-Siamese and she also distrusts the Annamese.
5. The day will come, according to Germaine Krull, when there will be a federation of these states and Laos will be closer to the Siamese than to the Vietnamese. If this federation becomes an actuality, French troops can never win Indo China even if they succeed in taking all the cities and the entire country.

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